

Remarks

In the Office Action dated July 21, 2005, a restriction requirement was imposed. In particular, the Office Action states that claims 1-18 (Group I), claims 19-24 (Group II), claims 25-27 (Group III) and claims 28-29 (Group IV) are distinct from one another.

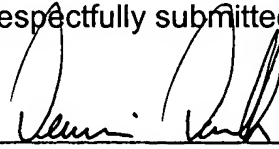
Applicants hereby elect to prosecute claims 1-18 (Group I). As such, claims 19-29 have been withdrawn from the present application without prejudice or disclaimer. However, Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation or divisional application directed to the subject matter of withdrawn claims 19-29 prior to the issuance of a patent on those claims elected for further prosecution at this time.

Should the Examiner feel that any unresolved issues remain in this case, the undersigned may be contacted at the telephone number listed below to arrange for an issue resolving conference.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee that may have been overlooked to Deposit Account No. 10-0223.

Respectfully submitted,

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